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LB 532

CLERK: Legislative Resolution 97 introduced by Senator Bereuter calling for a study of indeterminant sentencing to be referred to the Executive Board.

Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Wally Barnett.....

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, for what purpose do you ask recognition?

SENATOR NEWELL: (Microphone not activated).

PRESIDENT: They have to come up in order Senator.

CLERK: The next amendment Mr. President is offered by Senator Barnett. It is found on page 1768 and I believe that Senator Barnett may want to withdraw this. Alright, Mr. President, that will be withdrawn. It was found on page 1768.

Mr. President the next amendment is then offered by Senator Jerry Koch who is not with us.

The next amendment is offered by Senator Schmit and DeCamp. This amendment has not been in the Journal before but it reads as follows (read amendment).

PRESIDENT: Is Senator Schmit in the Chamber? Or Senator Loran DeCamp? Or John Schmit?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This amendment would save what? About \$250,000? Is that what it is Vince?

CLERK: Read amendment.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, lets talk about billboard removal. Earlier in the year we had the lodging tax proposal and the lodging tax had behind it as its purpose the idea to get people to stop and utilize our facilities in the state. Several years ago when Lady Bird Johnson got interested in the beauty side or the beauty of the country side she decided that one of the most ugly things there was were all of the billboards. The billboards that said where the little hotes and little motels and restaurants and facilities and entertainment facilities and these things were. So, the federal government passed legislation that ended up paying, paying us to go out and destroy these. Of course on the other hand after we destroyed them we discovered that people went on through because they didn't know that these places were here. So, what this does, they did make a correction in the federal law, there is a bill 534, that is now before the body, probably won't be taken up this year, but it has been looked over as to form and everything else by the representatives of the federal government, representatives from the road department and it would allow us to have communities that still need to keep these billboards and some signs that they do have, keep them in existence for awhile until some things are resolved. So, what we are doing here is we are striking the money to go out and destroy or buy up ones that exist. If you ever found a place where you could save \$250,000 and probably benefit the state a couple of million, this is it.